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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tetsuo TANIGUCHI

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FOR: EXPOSURE METHOD AND LITHOGRAPHY SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MAKING THE APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references, some of which were cited in the parent application No. 09/618,550 filed July 17, 2000, listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references have been submitted in the parent application No. 09/618,550 filed July 17, 2000, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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